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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTE REQUESTING USG INVESTIGATION
GULF OIL BRIBERY CHARGES

1. FOLLOWING IS UNOFFICIAL ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF FIRST PERSON
NOTE HANDED AMBASSADOR UPON ENTRY INTO PRESIDENTIAL PALACE
MAY 8:

"GS&049/23 LA PAZ, MAY 8, 1975

MR. AMBASSADOR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ADDRESS YOU
IN ORDER TO REFER TO NEWS TRANSMITTED BY INTERNATIONAL
PRESS AGENCIES ABOUT CERTAIN DECLARATIONS ATTRIBUTED TO
PERSONNEL OF THE AMERICAN FIRM GULF OIL COMPANY ABOUT AN
ALLEGED BRIBERY BY THIS COMPANY OF HIGH LATIN AMERICAN
OFFICIALS.

"IT WILL NOT HAVE ESCAPED YOUR ATTENTION THAT AN AFFIRMA-
TION OF SUCH SERIOUSNESS WOULD DEEPLY CONCERN MY GOVERNMENT,
REGARDLESS OF THE IMPRECISION AND VAGUENESS OF THE
ACCUSATION WHICH HAS BEEN MENTIONED, COULD GIVE RISE TO
SUPPOSITIONS THAT WOULD PUT IN DOUBT CONDUCT OF PERSONS
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RELATED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF

BOLIVIA WITH IMPLICATIONS WHICH IT IS EASY TO IMAGINE.
THEREFORE, AND ACTING TO PROTECT THE PRESTIGE OF
BOLIVIA, MY GOVERNMENT HAS RESOLVED TO ADOPT THE MEASURES
LISTED IN THE DOCUMENT APPROVED YESTERDAY BY THE CABINET
AND WHICH I HAVE THE HONOR TO ATTACH TO THIS NOTE.
"IN ACCORDANCE WITH POINT 3 OF THE DOCUMENT REFERRED TO,
I ASK YOU IF YOU WOULD BE KIND ENOUGH TO TRANSMIT TO YOUR
GOVERNMENT THE REQUEST FOR COOPERATION SO THAT AN INVESTIGA-
TION COULD BE HELD IMMEDIATELY ABOUT THIS SUBJECT WITH THE
HOPE OF CLARIFYING THE STATEMENTS WHICH GULF OIL COMPANY
HAS MADE BEFORE A UNITED STATES CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE.
"I APPRECIATE BEFOREHAND YOUR ATTENTION WHICH WE WOULD
HOPE THAT YOU WOULD GIVE TO THE REQUEST CONTAINED IN
THIS NOTE, AND I AVAIL MYSELF OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO
RENEW ETC. SIGNED COL. JUAN PEREDA ASBUN, ACTING
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS."

2. THE ATTACHED DOCUMENT IS TEXTUALLY INDENTICAL TO THE COMMUNIQUE
REPORTED PARA 1 OF LA PAZ 3191.

3. I WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE AN EARLY REPLY UPON WHICH I
MIGHT BASE AN APPROPRIATE ANSWER TO THE NOTE FROM THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY.
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